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SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT: SIGNING OF DRAFT PRIVATE CLAIMS
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 101103

1. EMBASSY IN PROCESS OF REVISING FINAL DRAFT PRIVATE
CLAIMS AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY
ROBINSON AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY MUHAMMAD ZAKI
SHAFEI ON MAY 1. IN ORDER TO HAVE DOCUMENTS READY ON
TIME, REQUEST IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS
AND DELETIONS.

2. DELETION OF WORDS "CONFIDENTIAL", "FINAL DRAFT" AND
"DOCUMENT (BLANK) " FROM ALL PAGES ON WHICH THEY APPEAR.

3. PARA 2 OF AGREED MINUTE (DOCUMENT 1) AMENDED TO READ
"AS A RESULT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE ON THIS DATE SIGNED THE ATTACHED
DRAFT AGREEMENT".

4. PARA 3 OF AGREED MINUTE; DELETE "SIGNATURE AND".

5. PARA 4 OF AGREED MINUTE; DELETE "...IN DUPLICATE, IN
THE ENGLISH AND ARABIC LANGUAGES, BOTH VERSIONS BEING
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EQUALLY AUTHENTIC...." (COMMENT: REVISED ARABIC VERSION ALMOST

CERTAINLY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE READY FOR SIGNING MAY 1.)

6. DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY SUBSTITUTED
FOR CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATIONS SIGNING AGREED MINUTE.

7. ARTICLE VIII OF DRAFT AGREEMENT (DOCUMENT 2); DELETE
"SIGNATURE AND".

8. LAST PARA OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO READ "DONE AT CAIRO,
EGYPT THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1976."

9. DRAFT LETTER (DOCUMENT 3) TO BE FROM MINISTER OF ECONOMY
TO DEPUTY SECRETARY.

10. DRAFT LETTER FROM USG TO BE FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY
TO MINISTER OF ECONOMY.

11. AGREED MINUTE (DOCUMENT 5) PARA 1.(A); DELETE "AND ALL
DEBTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES." AND "PURSUANT TO
CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS," (STATE 29663).

12. LAST PARA OF DOCUMENT 5 CHANGE TO READ "DONE AT CIARO,
EGYPT THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1976".

13. DOCUMENT 5 ALSO TO BE SIGNED BYDEPUTY SECRETARY AND
MINISTER OF ECONOMY UNLESS SHAFEI BALKS IN WHICH CASE WE
WILL ATTEMPT TO SBUSTITUTE FONMIN FAHMY OR MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD.

14. WE ASSUME ORAL STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO WILL
BE MADE EITHER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY OR AMBASSADOR BY FAHMY
OR MINISTER OF STATE RIAD. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT AN EARLY TIME TO BE MUTUALLY
AGREED, SUCH OF THE CLAIMS LISTED IN DOCUMENT 5, AS THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DECIDES TO ESPOUSE,
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO VIEWS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OR
THE MERITS OF THOSE CLAIMS."

15. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR JOINT PRESS
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RELEASE WITH GOE BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO USING
REVISED VERSION OF ONE AGREED TO BY JOINT CLAIMS
COMMISSION LAST NOVEMBER. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT HAVE TODAY (MAY 1) SIGNED AN
AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A
LUMP SUM OF \$10,000,000 (TEN MILLION) IN COMPENSATION

OF PRIVATE CLAIMS OF NATIONAL OF THE UNITED STATES. THE AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE FURTHER APPROVAL OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND WILL ENTER INTO FORCE UPON AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES STATING EACH GOVERNMENT'S FINAL APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT.

"COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT IS THE CLAIM OF THE AMERICAN MISSION IN EGYPT (UNITED PRESBYTERIAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.) WHICH IS BEING SETTLED TO ITS COMPLETE SATISFACTION.

" THIS AGREEMENT MARKS ANOTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUALLY IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT SHOULD IN PARTICULAR ASSIST IN CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE TO ATTRACT AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO EGYPT."

16. SINCE GOE WILL PRESUMABLY STILL WISH TO SEND AGREEMENT TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE NOTES IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNING.
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